Road Accidents in Haryana and Punjab

2605. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people killed in road accidents on National Highways passing through Haryana and Punjab during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the details of safety gadgets/equipments installed to check the accidents; and

(c) the arrangements made to provide emergency medical aid to accident victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) As reported by the State Governments, the number of persons killed in road accident on National Highways in Punjab and Haryana during the last three years are as under:—

Year	Number of persons killed in Haryana	Number of persons killed in Punjab
2000	1150	823
2001	1178	924
2002	1070	1019

(b) and (c) As per information obtained from Governments of Haryana and Punjab, both the States have set up Traffic-aid posts and introduced patrolling services on National Highways with vehicles equipped with video cameras, speed checking devices, traffic cones etc. In emergency, person affected can ask for the assistance from the nearest Traffic- aid post or the patrolling vehicle for emergency aid to accident victims.

Inter-State Transport Policy

2606. DR. MAM. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have in place an Inter-State Transport Policy for the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any consultation with the State Governments have been held in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when such a policy would be framed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Necessary provisions for Inter-State transport which include Inter-State Permits, National Permits, All India Tourist Permits etc. already exist in the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 and Rules made thereunder.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Lucknow-Delhi Highway

†2607. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose a scheme to strengthen and develop Lucknow-Delhi highway;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this would be complete?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA). (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Continuous efforts have been made to improve the Delhi-Lucknow road, NH-24. Delhi-Ghaziabad-Hapur section is already four laned. In Hapur-Moradabad section, the work of four laning has been awarded. Moradabad-Lucknow section is two lane and is proposed to be four-laned under National Highway Development Programme (NHDP) phase-Ill. This stretch has been maintained in traffic worthy condition.

Length of National Highways in Uttaranchal

2608. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

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